

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**July 15, 2016**

**The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. We will accept nominations until August 12, 2016.**

**Dates to Remember**

July 18, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting

August 1, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

August 9, 2016 – Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:**

- Fire Marshal Reese has started the annual fire/safety inspections of all the schools with anticipated completion in 2 – 3 weeks.
- The Planning & Zoning Board asked staff to draft zoning changes for Merchant Square and the Commerce Park and also to review zoning regulations for residential and commercial fences. They will meet again on August 1<sup>st</sup> to review and discuss staff recommendations.
- A presentation by Margaret Wuerstle on the Main Street revitalization area is scheduled for the next CRA meeting on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff has been working diligently on compiling the documentation requirements for the Community Rating System Program. The biggest projects so far have been calculating the acreage of the area(s) within the Special Flood Hazard Area(s) and the Open Space Preservation map. Policyholders can receive reduced flood insurance premiums for buildings in the community. These reduced premiums reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community efforts.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- In an effort to provide top quality programs, resources, and services, the library will be conducting a county wide survey. Please let us know what you think and make suggestions for improvement of our services by completing this very short survey. It is available in print and will also be on our website for your convenience.
- The library's summer programming in Montura is doing very well. With sponsorship from Concerned Citizens of Montura (C-COM) and funding from the Royal Foundation, children involved in the program will receive training from local fitness trainer Eric

Green, as well as team spirit T-Shirts. The funds will also provide sporting equipment for the children to be used as part of their training. The equipment will be kept at the Montura Clubhouse.

- The Career Online High School program offered at your library is alive and well. So far we have one graduate and four more that are very close to graduation. This is not a GED program but is rather a program designed to incorporate credits that were already gained at high school then helping participants to get the additional credits they need in order to obtain an accredited high school diploma. In addition, students receive training in one of eight career fields including Child Care and Education, Certified Protection Officer, Certified Transportation Services, General Professional Skills, Homeland Security, Office Management, Retail Customer Service Skills, and Food and Customer Service Skills.
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org).**

#### **Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:**

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer Memberships are available now. July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 (\$150.00) which includes tax.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- The renovation of the greens is moving right along as scheduled. We are on temporary greens now until Labor Day weekend.
- YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is in their last week. 17 kids participated this week. YEC Belle Glade Golf Camp is a four week twice a week program.
- The next Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camp has been re-scheduled for July 25-29, 2016. To sign-up contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course has begun the renovation on the ladies tee on Hole #15. It looks great. The tee has been shaped and is awaiting sod to be put on next week. Thank you to Morris Ridgill for the soil. Thank you Carol Giddens for the sod.
- Starting the first week of August, we will be cleaning out all the ponds and canals on the golf course. Thank you United States Sugar Corporation.
- **Golf Tip of the Week:** When putting, try to grip the putter more in the palms of your hands. This will eliminate the use of your wrists and you will make more putts.

#### **Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:**

- 2016 SUMMER CAMP 2<sup>nd</sup> Session is currently on-going... Please be aware of our "kids around the Youth Center, Pool and Sweetest Town Playground!"
- All the registered campers in this year's Summer Camp went on a Lake "O" Pontoon Boat Excursion earlier this week.

- The C.S. Mott Pool is offering “Adult Swim” times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8pm. You must be 18 and over to swim and the cost is \$3.00.
- “Aqua Zumba” will be offered on Tuesday evenings during “Adult Swim”. The class is FREE with a paid pool admission.
- “Adult Swimming Lessons” have begun at the James Mason Pool in the evening at 6pm. We still have a couple spots open. Please contact one of the Lifeguards at the pool or call the Youth Center at 983-1492 if interested.
- Ballfield crew has chemically edged all fence lines at Sugarland Sports Complex. Another round of herbicide applications for emergent vegetation began this week.
- AYSO’s “British Soccer Camp” was held at Sugarland Sports Complex during the week.
- Men’s Softball and Co-Ed Softball leagues continue at Sugarland Sports Complex on Field #9 Mon-Thurs. evenings. The games begin at 7, 8 & 9pm.
- Men’s Basketball Leagues began play this week Tues. and Thurs. evening at the Harlem Gym. Game times are 6, 7 & 8pm.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Reunion 6-9pm Youth Center
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Reunion 2:30-5:30pm John Boy Auditorium
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party 10am-6pm Sugarland Park Pavilion with Bounce House
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> – Pool Party 10am-Noon C.S. Mott Pool
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Reunion 2:30-5:30pm John Boy Auditorium
  - July 20<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp Field Trip 8am-3pm South Florida Science Museum
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league or Summer K-5<sup>th</sup> AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

**NOTICE: Electronics are now considered hazardous waste, because of the Mercury. Do not place these items by the road for collection. TVs, monitors, PCs, stereos, radios, and microwaves ovens are examples of items containing Mercury in their components. Staff is working on where these items can be taken for proper disposal.**

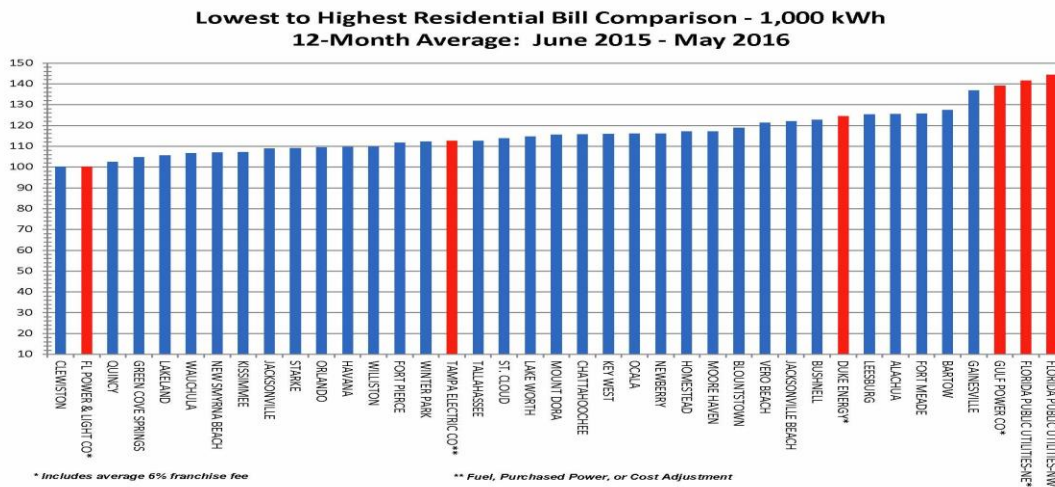
- Mosquito Control: Trap counts in quadrants (areas) of town are as follows:  
SW Trap (Golf Course-Harlem area): 250;  
SE Trap (Sports Complex – Elks Property area): 150;  
NE Trap (Okeechobee Blvd. end of San Gabriel area): 800; and  
NW Trap (Berner Road area): 500.  
Spray schedule is normal, on Tuesdays and Fridays. There are 233 cases of ZIKA in Florida, all travel related exposure. There are still no confirmed cases of person to person transmission. There is still no ZIKA in Hendry County.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff cut back the trees and vegetation in both north side and south side alley; (2) The wheel stops in the Fire Dept. parking lot were painted; (3) Staff limbed up the Oaks in the Parking lot behind City Hall; and (4) A team from the *Criminal Justice Class* painted the displays on Central Avenue on Tuesday morning. **A BIG THANK YOU!**

- Building Maintenance: (1) Installation of the exhaust fan in the Cat Room at the Animal Control Facility has started.
- Please join us in welcoming a new team member to the Public Works Department. Clem Nealy has returned to our garage and we are so pleased to have him back.
- Paving Project: This year's project is ready to go out to bid. We have three different aspects of this project: (1) Overlaying designated streets in the southwestern section of town and striping Berner Road; (2) Reconstruction of a section on Saginaw and an alley off of W.C. Owen; and (3) Some paving and striping on the western parking lot at the boat basin.

#### **Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Patrol responded to a report of a stolen generator from a shed on West Trinidad. Officers investigating the incident were able to develop a suspect. A warrant request for the suspect's arrest has been filed with the court.
- Hotel guests at the Clewiston Inn reported a suspicious person looking in and hanging around vehicles in the parking area in the pre-dawn hours. Responding officers arrested the suspect with Loitering and Prowling when it was determined he could offer no reasonable account for his actions.
- A man who continued to return to a residence on Ventura after multiple warnings and a trespass notice was arrested early in the week.
- We are beginning to see "Pokemon" players wandering around town. If you are participating in this phenomenon, PLEASE remain alert to your surroundings including traffic/physical objects and be careful not to venture onto private property without permission.
- Officers responded to a traffic accident scene on East Sonora near the High School. A vehicle had veered off the road and crashed into the fence causing significant damage before fleeing the scene. Officers were able to follow the vehicle trail due to falling debris and flat tire scuff marks on the roadway. The vehicle and driver were located some distance away. Driver was arrested and charged with a number of offenses including Cocaine Possession, Driving with a Suspended License, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1176** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 603** Complaints Investigated
  - 25** Traffic Citations
  - 16** Arrests Made
  - 70** Merchant Escorts
  - 26** Alarms Responded To
  - 6** Traffic Accidents investigated

## Utilities Director Williams reports:



### The City of Clewiston averaged overall number one in Residential Bill Comparison in the 1,000 kWh from June 2015 to May 2016

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl).

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:**

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

**If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.**